

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 09-112
v.	*	SECTION: A
GILBERT PEREZ	*	VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)
		21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)
	*	21 U.S.C. § 846
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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **GILBERT PEREZ**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proved beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following facts to support the allegations charged by the Indictment now pending against the defendant, **GILBERT PEREZ** (“**PEREZ**”).

In March 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (“**DEA**”), were contacted by a confidential source (“**CS**”), who told him that he could

order a kilogram of cocaine from a Hispanic male known to the CS as “Gil”. (Gil was later identified as Gilbert Perez.) The CS told one of the DEA agents that **PEREZ** was in route to Hammond from Oklahoma with one kilogram of cocaine. The agent told the CS to call **PEREZ** and confirm that they were going to meet in the parking lot of the Petro Truck Stop located in Hammond. During the drive from Oklahoma to Hammond, **PEREZ** called the CS on several occasion to discuss the terms of the drug deal, and to confirm his estimated time of arrival. After reaching the truck stop, **PEREZ** called the CS and told him that he wanted to meet in the parking lot of the Wal Mart instead of the truck stop. The CS - after being equipped with an audio transmitting device by an agent - proceeded to the Wal-Mart to meet **PEREZ**. **PEREZ** arrived shortly thereafter, and parked his car behind the CS’s vehicle. **PEREZ** then exited the vehicle, entered the CS’ vehicle, and began discussing the drug deal. **PEREZ** then went back to his vehicle to retrieve a sample of the cocaine to show it to the CS in an effort to assure him that he had the entire kilogram of cocaine with him. He then re-entered the CS’s vehicle with the sample of cocaine. Once the cocaine was displayed to the CS, the agents moved in and arrested **PEREZ** and girl friend, Maria Rueda (“**RUEDA**”). The agents then searched **PEREZ**’s vehicle and found a kilogram of white powder on the back seat, which later tested positive for cocaine.

Immediately thereafter, **PEREZ** was interviewed by several DEA agents concerning the facts and circumstances surrounding their arrest. During the interview, **PEREZ** admitted that he

purchased the cocaine in Dallas for \$18,000 just before he and **RUEDA** drove to Louisiana. He also stated that **RUEDA** was his girlfriend of three months, and that he routinely stayed at her house overnight.

GILBERT PEREZ
Defendant

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